Statement laid on the table.

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Sir, under Rule 76 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I beg to lay on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under Section 32 of Act II of 1108.

Demand.	Amount in Rupees.	Particulars.
II. Medical.	25,000	To meet additional expenditure under Dieting Charges.
III. Public Health and Sanitation.	4,000	For plague preventive work in the Devicolam Division.
IV. P. W. D.	25,000	For tank restoration works in South Travancore.
VII. Excise.	2,150	Constructional works in the tank poramboke adjoining the Nagercoil Distillery sold to the Travancore Sugars and Chemicals Ltd.
XI. General Administration.	1,213	For the continuance of the office staff and for contingent expenditure in the office of the Special Officer for the revision of the State Manual and for expenses in connection with the journey of the Officer and staff of that office to Madras.
Do.	850	For meeting the expenditure on account of Travelling Allowance to Special Officer for the revision of State Manual and his staff in connection with their visits to Madras and other places.
XIV. Public Service Commissioner.	1,500	For meeting expenditure under Examination charges, in the Public Service Commissioner's Office.
XV. Police.	77,208	For expenditure on account of the appointment of 2,000 special Police Officers for six months from 1st Dhanu 1114.
XVI. Agriculture and Fisheries Dairy Farm.	3,562-14-0	For the purchase of a motor truck for the Dairy Farm

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Demand.	Amount in Rupees.	Particulars.
XXIX. Stationery and Printing.	2,250	To meet the special charges incurred for the despatch of the Police Gazette.
XXX. A. Museum	500	For expenditure on account of taking plaster-casts of sculptures in the Sri Padmanabhaswami Temple and for purchasing two stone reliefs from the owner of a private temple at Thrivikramangalam.
F. Preservation of Oriental Literature.	900	For giving bonus to Mr. Sambasiva Sastri for his commentary on Narayaneeyam.
XXXI. 41-Miscellaneous.	10,000	For carrying out measures for alleviating the hardships due to water scarcity in South Travancore.

President's statement.

PRESIDENT: The Government have been for some years trying to deal with the problem of agricultural indebtedness in the State. As early as 9th January 1935 Government appointed the Agricultural Debt Redemption Committee to enquire into the question and to suggest such measures of relief as could be given effect to. Their report was duly considered and two Statutes "the Agriculurists" Relief Act (Act III of 1112)" and "the Credit Bank Act (Act IV of 1113)" were passed into law. Under the former, the Debt Conciliation Boards, and under the latter the Credit Bank were established. Statistics relating to the working of the Conciliation Boards do not, in the opinion of Government, justify the expectation that any appreciable result could be achieved by the system under which the Boards are functioning at present. In the year 1113, there were seven Boards conciliating debts in different centres in the State. While the total number of applications which the Boards had to deal with was 3572 covering a total debt of Rs. 56,26,972, the number of cases in which conciliation was effected and agreements were actually executed was only 241 covering a total debt of Rs. 3,61,084, conciliated for Rs, 2,90,776. This has resulted in a total reduction of such debts only by Rs. 70,308. The

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